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where m ranges from 1 to 10; and R_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2-$.

27. A compound represented by the formula:



where

Z represents H or alkyl;

POLY and POLY' are poly(ethylene glycol) groups represented by the formula

$-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$ in which n ranges from about 10 to about 4000;

Q represents a functional group; and

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